

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Washington, D.C. 20231-1132 U.S. PTO

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Date: February 25, 2002

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: SHIRAI, H. et al.

Entitled: WELDING MACHINE AND WELDING METHOD

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☒ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
30 pages of specification and claims (including 21 numbered claims), and  
6 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☒ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2001-50015	JP	26/02/2001
2002-11556	JP	21/01/2002

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: PTO Form 1449 and 1 Cited Reference

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Basic Filing Fee		\$	740.00
Total effective claims	21 - 20 (at least 20) = 1	x \$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
Independent claims	4 - 3 (at least 3) = 1	x \$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 0.00
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		<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>	\$ 882.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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## ANNEX PAPER

## 1. FILING DETAILS

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BASIC APPLICATION(S)	APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	PRIORITY CLAIM	INVENTOR(S) (see list of inventors below)
I	2001-50015	2001/02/26	YES	1 - 5
II	2002-11556	2002/01/21	YES	1 - 6
III				
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## 2. INSTRUCTIONS

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